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**TITLE: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as indicated below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 5, under the heading of "Background of the Invention," please insert the following:

This application, and United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/119,635 are commonly assigned to Magic Earth, Inc. This application claims the benefit of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US00/29835 filed on October 30, 2000.

Please further amend the application by replacing the following paragraphs:

Page 3, the paragraph beginning on line 18:

Conventional 3D seismic interpretation programs provide the capability to "auto pick" and identify points that satisfy a voxel selection algorithm. However, these programs typically iterate